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TO YOU QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 3020

FOR AMBASSADOR NEWSOM FOR EA ONLY

.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, VICE PRESIDENT WALTER F.)

SUBJECT: PROGRAM FOR VICE PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 044403

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. MONDALE
WITH COUNTRY TEAM PER REFTEL REQUEST. YOUR OUTLINE OF PROGRAM
ELEMENTS SEEMS TO COVER MOST OF THE PRINCIPAL CONTINGENCIES (A)
BEARING IN MIND PERHAPS SOME AT THIS POINT UNPREDICTABLE FILIPINI-
ZATION A LA MRS. MARCOS, AND (B) ADDING AT LEAST THE BRIEF,
MANDATORY WREATH LAYING AT RIZAL MEMORIAL PROMPTLY AFTER
ARRIVAL EN ROUTE TO MANILA HOTEL.

2. THE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS IS, OF COURSE, ALSO A
MUST AND HE MAY SUGGEST IT TAKE PLACE OVER LUNCH ON THE
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PRESIDENTIAL YACHT IN MANILA BAY. YOUR CONCEPT FOR A
RECEPTION AT THE EMBASSY BALLROOM LOOKS GOOD EDOES THE
VISIT TO ADB AND TO THE MEMORIAL CEMETERIES ASSUMING THAT
THE LATTER DO NOT ADD UP TO TOO MUCH WREATH LAYING ALONG
WITH THAT AT RIZAL MEMORIAL. THE STATE DINNER SEEMS UNAVOID-
ABLE AND OF COURSE PROVIDES A FORUM FOR PUBLIC STATEMENT IN
TOAST FORM.

3. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSING (A) A BRIEF STATE SETTING ARRIVAL STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED IN RESPONSE TO A POSSIBLE WELCOMING STATEMENT AT AIRPORT; (B) BREAKFAST AT MANILA HOTEL WITH LEADERS (PERHAPS A DOZEN OR SO) FROM AMONG THE MODERATE OPPOSITION (NON-CANDIDATES) AND INDEPENDENT INTELLECTUAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERS (PERHAPS INCLUDING CARDINAL SIN AND SOME PHILIPPINE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION PERSONAGES WHO YOU WILL RECALL ARE A COLLECTION OF EXTEEMED GENTLEMEN IN WHOSE BEHALF FORMER PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL HAS PRESSED US TO OBTAIN AMBASSADOR YOUNG OR SENATOR KENNEDY TO HELP INAUGURATE PHRO), (C) A DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AIRPORT, AND (D) PRESENTATION AT SOME POINT OF A SIGNIFICANT AMERICAN MICROFICHE COLLECTION (CONCERNING WHICH USIA/EA CAN PROVIDE DETAILS) TO THE AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES. USIS JUDGES MICROFICHE COLLECTION WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED HERE AS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASSOCIATION'S RESEARCH CAPABILITY AND CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF HIGH-LEVEL U.S. CONCERN FOR INDEPENDENT DEDICATED STUDY OF US-RP RELATIONS -- WHICH STUDY IS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AND NEGLECTED AMONG YOUNGER GENERATIONS. BY TIME VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, ASAP BOARD WILL BE ESTABLISHED, PROBABLY WITH S.P. LOPEZ OR ALEX FERNANDEZ AS PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIRMAN. PROPOSED DONATION WOULD HELP TO BOOST GROUP'S PRESTIGE AND ABILITY TO ATTRACT SCHOLARS.

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4. CONCERNING YOUR PARTICULAR INTEREST IN COMMENTS ABOUT A SPEECH BY VICE PRESIDENT BEFORE AN APPROPRIATE FORUM, AGREE VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MAJOR AMERICAN POLICY STATEMENT AT CONCLUSION OF ASIAN TOUR. HIS REMARKS COULD CENTER AROUND THEME OF ASIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BROADLY CONCEIVED TO INCLUDE U.S. BILATERAL MULTILATERAL, PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ASEAN, AND TO FOCUS ON NEW APPROACHES INDICATIVE OF AMERICAN AWARENESS OF THIRD WORLD NEEDS. DIRECTED AT OPINION LEADERS BROADLY DEFINED, THE SPEECH COULD ALSO TOUCH ON NEED FOR DEEPER UNDERSTANDING AND ON POTENTIAL ROLE OF SCHOLARS AND ORGANIZATIONS LIKE ASAP IN DEVELOPING BASIS FOR DEVELOPMENT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DIFFERING CULTURES. (IN LATTER REGARD, VICE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER INVITING SENATOR FULBRIGHT TO ACCOMPANY, ALONG WITH HUMAN RIGHTS FIGURE LIKE FATHER HESBERG, AND SOME DISTINGUISHED EXPONENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT DEPENDENCE.)

5. CHOICE OF FORUM AND SPONSORS FOR VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE INFLUENCED, OF COURSE, BY THE NATURE OF SPEECH CONTEMPLATED. IN PRINCIPAL, I THINK SPONSORSHIP MIGHT BE MIXED PHILIPPINE AND AMERICAN, COMPRISE A SELECTION OF

ORGANIZATIONS CHOSEN FOR GENRAL SUITABILITY AND NOT BE ACADEMIC PER SE. THUS, I ENVISAGE A SPONSORING BODY COMPRISING SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES, ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE WOMEN, THE AMERICAN LEGION FULBRIGHT ALUMNI IN THE PHILIPPINES, ETC. (FILIPINOS WERE THE FIRST FULBRIGHTERS AND THIS IS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSAARY, THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 1,500 SUCH PHILIPPINE SCHOLARS TO DATE.) ETC.

6. VENUE MIGHT FOR SUCHA SPEECH BETTER NOT BE A UNIVER-SITY LEST THAT DETER SOME OF THE MORE BROADLY BASED GROUP WE WOULD WISH TO REACH AND WHO MIGHT FEEL MORE CONFIDENTIAL

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COMFORTABLE ON RELATIVELY NEUTRAL TURF SUCH AS THE PHILIP-PINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER. (THE PICC SEATS 5,000 AT FULL CAPACITY, WHICH CAN BE SUBDIVIDED (A) GROUND FIRST LEVEL 1,110, (B) GROUND SECOND LEVEL 500, (C) GROUND THIRD LEVEL 1,200--TOTAL GROUND 2,800, (D) SECOND FLOOR BALCONY 1,000, (E) THIRD FLOOR BALCONY 242, (F) TEMPORARY CA. 1,000--GRAND TOTAL 5,000.

7. IN SUM, I WOULD SUGGEST PROGRAM ILLUSTRATIVELY ALONG FOLLWOING LINES:

APRIL 14

2:50 PM ARRIVAL MANILA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
2:50 - 3:10 HONORS
3:10 - 3:25 BRIEF EXCHANGE OF STATEMENTS
3:25 - 3:40 MOTORCADE TO MEMORIAL CEMETERIES
3:40 - 4:30 VISITS TO AMERICAN AND PHILIPPINE WAR MEMORIALS
4:30 - 5:00 MOTORCADE TO RIZAL MONUMENT
5:00 - 5:10 RIZAL MONUMENT WREATH LAYING
5:15 - 6:00 MANILA HOTEL
6:00 - 8:00 RECEPTION AT EMBASSY BALLROOM
(GOVERNMENT, OPPOSITION, AMERICAN COMMUNITY,ETC.)
8:30 - 11:00 STATE DINNER

APRIL 15

7:00 AM BREAKFAST AT HOTEL WITH MODERATE OPPOSTION
AND INDEPENDENT INTELLECTUAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS
LEADERS
8:30 VISIT TO ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK
9:15 MAJOR SPEECH SPONSORED BY PHIL-AM GROUPS AT
PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER
10:45 - 12:45 WORKING LUNCHEON ABOARD PRESIDENTIAL YACHT
12:45 - 1:00 DEPARTURE MOTORCADE
1:00 - 1:45 AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE
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1:45 - 3:00 HONORS

2:00 DEPARTURE

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